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Evolution, Second Edition is a comprehensive treatment of contemporary evolutionary biology that is directed toward an undergraduate audience. It addresses major themes_including the history of evolution, evolutionary processes, adaptation, and evolution as an explanatory framework_at levels of biological organization ranging from genomes to ecological communities. Throughout, the text emphasizes the interplay between theory and empirical tests of hypotheses, thus acquainting students with the process of science. Teachers and students will find the list of important concepts and terms in each chapter a helpful guide, and will appreciate the dynamic figures and lively photographs. The content of all chapters has been updated. Contributors Scott V. Edwards and John R. True have once again provided authoritative chapters on, respectively, "Evolution of Genes and Genomes" and "Evolution and Development," two of the most rapidly developing subjects in evolutionary biology. A final chapter on "Evolutionary Science and Creationism" treats such topics as the nature of science and the practical applications of evolutionary biology.